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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website

www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Fall means cooler weather, football, soccer, and the Graham County Fair! According to Parks and Recreation Director Annette Watson, over 24,000 people will attend the fair. Last year's biggest display department was Jr. Art with 1,470 entries. Over 1,500 exhibitors participated in the fair not including the school displays. Good luck to everyone who will be participating in the parade, contests and judged events.

The Arizona School Boards Association hosted their annual Law Conference last month. Local governing board members were able to attend and learn about the newest information regarding schools and the laws recently enacted.

We recently hosted the Arizona Department of Education's mobile assistive technology lab. The best take-away was learning about the lending library located at NAU. See page 19 for more information.

Have a great fall and enjoy what Graham County has to offer!

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School Superintendent

It's October and time for the Graham County Fair!

"It's Out of this World"

Fair entry forms are available online (www.graham.az.gov), at the fairgrounds, or from the Board of Supervisors Office. They are due by October 4th and can be turned in at the General Services Building.

Save the Date:

Oct. 9—Graham/Greenlee ASBA County meeting hosted by Pima Unified School District

Oct. 9-13—Graham County Fair

Oct. 14—Columbus Day (General Services Building closed)

Oct. 30—Virtual Economics workshops in the General Services Building (register online)



The Graham County Fair is Coming!

Cash Prizes for Best Class Floats in the Parade!

PARADE ENTRY INFORMATION 2013 GRAHAM COUNTY FAIR

"It's Out of This World"

JUDGING CATEGORIES:

- Marching/Mounted units
- Motor Vehicle Unit
- Float from a Graham County School
- Float (other than G. C. school)

Each numbered entry will only be eligible in one of the above categories.

All numbered entries will be eligible for Best of Show.

Cash prizes available to participating Graham County Schools:

Best Senior Class Float \$500, Best Junior Class Float \$400,
Best Sophomore Class Float \$350,

Best Freshman Class Float \$300, Best Jr. High Float \$200,
Best Elementary School Float \$200

Other cash prizes available: Best Mounted Riding Group \$100,
Best Marching Unit \$100 (not including GC Schools) Best Motor Vehicle Unit \$100,
Best Float (other than GC School) \$250



CRITERIA

All school entries must clearly display the school and class being represented by float. All entries must have the Entry Number easily visible on the front, right side of the Entry. Floats must carry the spirit and theme of the fair and be on a trailer. Floats and Motor Vehicles must have the sponsor's name easily visible for the judges to see.

DEADLINE: All entries wishing to be judged must be turned into the Fair Grounds Office, faxed to 928-348-0023, or emailed to: fair@graham.az.gov by October 4th, 2013. All other entrants not meeting the deadline will be placed in the back of the parade, will not be given a number, and will not be judged. Everything you need to know to put an entry in the parade or fair can be found on the Graham County website at: http://graham.az.gov/Graham_CMS/Parks.aspx?id=3694 Teachers! If you would like to reserve a display board for class artwork, contact Annette Watson at awatson@graham.az.gov.

PARADE ENTRY BLANK
2013 GRAHAM COUNTY FAIR
"It's Out of This World"

Entry Blank Deadline: October 4, 2013

Turn in all entries to the Fair Grounds Office, fax to 928-348-0023, or email to: fair@graham.az.gov

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Type of Entry (choose all that apply):

____ **Do Not Judge** _____ (Description)

____ Mounted Unit _____ Marching Unit _____ (Organization)

____ Float from a Graham County School _____ (Class & School)

____ Float (other than G. C. School) _____

____ Motor Vehicle Describe: _____

____ Elected Official: _____

Sound Level of Entry: ____ none ____ low ____ med. ____ high

Special Requests: _____

Parade Announcer's Entry Info:

Sponsor: _____ (Office use Entry # _____)

-Tell us something about the organization or featured individual that will be of interest to the community: _____

-The names of individuals prominently responsible for the entry: _____

-(If applicable) Describe how your entry supports this year's theme, "It's Out of This World."

Save the Date— Registration is now open!

Back by popular demand, “Virtual Economics” is returning to Graham County.

We will be hosting these workshops in conjunction with the

Thomas R. Brown Foundation

and the

University of Arizona Office of Economic Outreach— Eller College of Management

Date: Wednesday October 30, 2013

Time: Grade 7-12 educators in the morning 8:15 a.m.—11:15 a.m.

Grade K-6 educators will be in the afternoon 12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Cost: Free! You will also receive wonderful free resources.

These workshops are aligned to the Arizona State Standards and all Social Studies educators are encouraged to attend!

Registration is now open. Go to www.graham.az.gov, School Superintendent

Grade 7-12 Highlights:

- Economics in Civics and Government
- Economics in World History
- Ethics and Economics
- Mathematics and Economics
- Advanced Placement Economics
- The Economics of Insurance
- Economics in US History
- Global Economics
- The Great Economics Mysteries Books
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Marginal Costs and Benefits

Grade K-6 Highlights:

- Teaching Economics Using Children’s Literature
- What is money?
- Why we trade
- Economics in Action
- The roles of resources, equipment and work
- Mathematics and Economics
- Present wants vs. future savings
- Fun Econ Songs for Kids
- The Great Economics Mysteries Books

These workshops address ***Social Studies Strand 5***

Attendees will receive 1,400 activity-based lessons and it is all free!

Please confer with your principals and then go to the Graham County School Office website and save your seat.

Little Lessons of Life

Although the Safford library is closed on Fridays, one could hear the joyful noise of children in its activity center. Giane Powell was hosting a math and science workshop for parents/caregivers and young children. The room was filled with books, bones, boxes, and bugs. It was THE place to be.

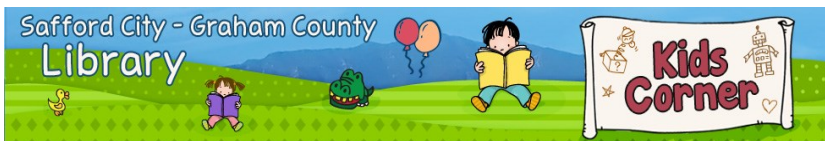
Adults listened to advice about encouraging math and science through literature while the children sorted and stacked blocks. "Start with picture books," she said. "There are so many in our own library. But don't shy away from non-fiction. Talk about the pictures. That is how you develop vocabulary. Children need to hear the words often to make sense of them. When they hear those words again in kindergarten, they will be familiar with them."

The library's workshops are offered monthly for interested families. They are part of the *Every Child Ready to Read* program funded through First Things First. Bryant brought his grandmother, Roberta O'Mera. "We never miss any of the library's activities; especially science sessions and story times. Bryant loves Miss Giane's choice of topics, whether it's dinosaurs or trains. Right now he is into horses and cowboys. She can always find something to attract his attention."

When asked what Bryant gained from his involvement with library activities, Roberta noted, "It's the little lessons of life; self-discipline, listening, sharing, caring for others and caring for materials. His sister is older, so Bryant thinks he is an only child. He doesn't have that status here. This is a wonderful social experience for him."

After Giane's brief instruction to parents, the children hovered about her as she inflated a balloon using baking soda. "You can do activities at home with regular kitchen ingredients and household objects" she said. "Let's stack and count boxes today." The little builders got right to work. "Hmmm, I wonder how we can make it taller", she asked. This prompting encouraged a variety of creative ideas.

The workshop ended with free exploration of a variety of math and science centers. Bryant was all about manipulating and sorting bones today. And, he shared with Jaycee! Roberta smiled. "See what I mean? That little lesson in life!"



www.cityofsafford.us

Find a wealth of resources for all ages on the
Safford City-Graham County Library site.



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Governor Jan Brewer Issues Executive Order

Reaffirms Arizona's authority to set own education policy

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today signed an Executive Order reaffirming Arizona's constitutional right to set its own education policies. The Order reiterates the governor's longstanding belief in the importance of local control in education.

"This Order reinforces my priorities for Arizona's education system: raising the standards and expectations for Arizona students and educators, increasing the high school graduation rate and ensuring college and career readiness to meet the needs of a competitive workforce," said Governor Brewer. "The power to make important education decisions involving curriculum, instructional materials and literature must occur at the local level, with input and influence from parents – the people most attuned to their children's schooling needs. It is imperative that parents, and all Arizona citizens, engage regularly with their local school boards to ensure the standards are being met and implemented effectively."

The Executive Order requires that executive agencies refer to the standards, adopted in 2010, as Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards, and encourages citizens and education stakeholders to do the same. The order's other provisions direct that no standards or curriculum be imposed on Arizona by the federal government, and that the power to set and define learning standards for students in Arizona's public schools remain within the State Board of Education.

"The state's education community is working hard to equip Arizona's students with the knowledge and real-world skills that will enable them to compete with students from other states for college and high-paying jobs," said Governor Brewer. "With Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards, we are setting our students on the path to lifelong success."

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Executive Order 2013-08
Reaffirming Arizona's Right to Set Education Policy

WHEREAS, Arizona has the constitutional right to set its own education policies and has adopted aggressive goals to significantly increase the number of students graduating from high school ready to succeed in college and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's previous standards and assessment did not adequately prepare Arizona's students for higher education and their careers; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education adopted new Arizona standards for mathematics and English language arts in 2010 that raise the expectations and accountability for Arizona's public district and charter school students so they graduate prepared for success in college and in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, no official state reading list or list of example texts has been adopted by the State Board of Education nor will my administration endorse any state reading list or list of example texts; and

WHEREAS, business and community leaders throughout Arizona have supported the new standards because they will improve our economy by supplying a more skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, teachers are fully implementing the standards this year; and

WHEREAS, school leaders across Arizona are working diligently to ensure teachers are trained to improve lesson plans and instruction to prepare students for Arizona's new assessment next year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. To clarify the underlying purpose of the standards adopted by the State Board of Education on June 28, 2010, I direct executive agencies and encourage the citizens of Arizona and education stakeholders in this state to refer to these standards as Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards.
2. No standards or curriculum shall be imposed on Arizona by the federal government.
3. The power to set and define learning standards for students in Arizona's public districts and charter schools shall remain with the State Board of Education.
4. Decisions regarding curriculum, instructional materials, and literature shall be made at the local level in order to maximize parents' control and influence so that schooling best meets families' educational needs and expectations.
5. A new assessment aligned to Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards shall be selected through an unbiased and impartial procurement process to ensure it best meets Arizona's needs to measure student learning.
6. Arizona citizens are encouraged to engage their local school boards to ensure that local curricula meets the rigorous expectations found in Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards and that school leaders and teachers are effectively implementing these standards.
7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of September in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Eighth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

Spelling Bee Information

Individual school enrollment to qualify students who wish to participate in the 2014 Arizona Spelling Bee will take place **until October 15, 2013**. To enroll, schools visit **www.spellingbee.com** and follow instructions to enroll their school.

To be eligible to send a representative to the county, state and ultimately the Scripps National Spelling Bee, schools must register and pay the enrollment fee, set by Scripps, of \$120.00. A late fee of \$75 will apply between Oct. 16 and Dec. 13, 2013.

The Graham County Spelling Bee, which serves as the qualifier for the Arizona State Spelling Bee, will take place on Wednesday February 5, 2014.

School District Spelling Bee Timeline:

August 15, 2013—Oct. 15, 2013: Schools must enroll with Scripps Nat'l Spelling Bee

December 2013 until January 17, 2014: Schools plan and hold their school bees

January 31, 2014: Districts bees must be held and winners reported to the county office

February 24, 2014: County and Regional Bees must be held by this date

March 3, 2014: Biography forms from each county/regional winner must be submitted

March 29, 2014: Arizona Spelling bee will be held in Phoenix at Eight/AZ PBS

Late May / Early June 2014: Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, D.C.

Good luck to all spellers!



The General Federation of Women's Clubs, (GFCW) Woman's Club of Safford will be sponsoring a *Fire Prevention Program* for all *Graham County 1st grade classes*. Woman's Club members have been contacting each school to schedule our local Fire Departments for October dates to visit and teach students about fire escape plans. A coloring contest and pizza will be provided. Don't be left out! For more information, call Woman's Club President Debbie Burnett at 928-965-8959.





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Commitment to Innovation

Arizona students are critical thinkers and innovative problem solvers who are prepared for the jobs we want in Arizona and who will strengthen Arizona's global leadership and quality of life.



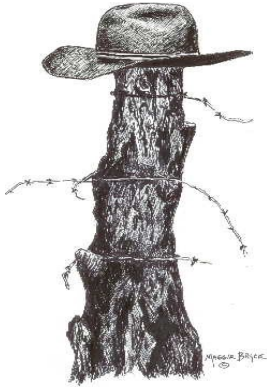
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STUDENT COWBOY POETRY & WESTERN ART PROGRAM

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS OF 5-6 GRADE STUDENTS

SEEKING PARTICIPANTS WITHIN GRAHAM COUNTY AREA

Gila Valley Cowboy Poets, Inc. and the Art Guild of Eastern Arizona:

INVITE YOU TO *ENCOURAGE* YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SCHOOL KIDS COWBOY POETRY WRITING

&

WESTERN ART PROGRAM

EVERY STUDENT IS WELCOME TO ENTER EITHER OR BOTH CATEGORIES

THEME FOR 2013



“KICK’N UP DUST”



INFORMATION

AN INFORMATIONAL PACKET WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOLS AND
THE GRAHAM COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE
LOCATED IN THE GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING
STARTING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013.

**IF THIS DOES NOT BECOME A CLASS PROJECT, PLEASE ALLOW ANY STUDENT
WHO WISHES TO SUBMIT A POEM AND/OR ART ENTRY TO TAKE A PACKET AND
SUBMIT INDIVIDUALLY.*

ALL DATES AND DEADLINES WILL APPLY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ENCOURAGE OUR KIDS IN THE ARTS

POETRY CONTACT:

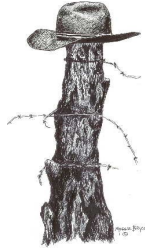
BUNNY DRYDEN
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ART CONTACT:

MAGGIE POLLEN BRYCE

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COWBOY ART
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STUDENT POETS
CULTURE

October 26 & 27

SATURDAY: Discovery Park EAC Campus Circle “D” Barn
Gates Open: 3:30 p.m.

Food Drive: Bring a non-perishable food item to support the Graham County Safe House
Partners: Thatcher Middle School Student Council

***BBQ Meal: Tickets are \$10.00 Adult/\$5.00 12 years and under
at the Graham County Chamber of Commerce***

*WESTERN ART DISPLAY * ROPING DEMO * HORSESHOEING * CARRIAGE RIDES*

Evening Concert 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

*Featuring live performances by established & local artists and student poets
The Gila Valley Cowboy Poets Inc., thank you for supporting their annual fundraiser.*

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. It's free to Graham County students. Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the Homework Help icon. This will lead you to the icon for Tutor.com. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!

The SE Arizona Workforce Connection team promotes and supports a workforce system that offers employers, workers and communities across Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties workforce solutions that achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

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928-432-6932

www.seazworkforce.org

Kimberly Termain, Business Development/Outreach Coordinator

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New to the area? Need information?

The Graham County Resource Center is a one-stop shop to find information on all services offered in Graham Co.

It is open Mon.—Fri. from 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

301-B East 4th Street (across from the Safford Bowling Alley) Safford, AZ 85546 928-428-7231

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Esri Education Site License Program for Arizona K-12 Schools

Arizona has a statewide site license for this program and it is at **no cost**. The license may be free, but if you are new to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), you will want to do some self-training before you install it at your school.

It is highly likely that you don't need the full package. For small projects, you may find the free software available on the Esri website is easier for you to utilize.

If you are new to GIS, we highly encourage you to do the basics at <http://www.esri.com/what-is-gis>

You can apply for the full Esri software:

http://perceval.bio.nau.edu/grail_form/default.aspx

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info:

<http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

Verizon Foundation Grants

Deadline: Continuous, Jan.- Oct.

Elementary and secondary schools registered with the National Center for Education Statistics, as well as eligible nonprofits, may apply for grants of up to \$10,000. Verizon awards grants to innovative, technology-based approaches to literacy and K-12 education.

www.verizonfoundation.org

KaBOOM! Let's Play Grants

Deadlines: Rolling

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group & KaBOOM! Are excited to offer \$500 Let's Play Completion Grants to qualifying Do-It-Yourself communities to be used toward the improvement of an existing playground built using the KaBoom! Community build model and \$750 Let's Play Maintenance Grants to communities who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting.

http://kaboom.org/about_kaboom/programs/grants

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>

www.roboticseducation.org

www.robotevents.com

Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60

Deadline: November 1

Up to \$4,000 per year is available to any qualifying K-12 school enrolled in Fuel Up to Play 60. The competitive, nationwide funding program can help your school jumpstart and sustain healthy nutrition and physical activity improvements. Go to:

http://school.fueluptoplay60.com/funds/funds_for_futp60.php



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –**Oct. 30th**

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com Click on: Our Programs

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Congratulations to Lena Mattice, Ft. Thomas Unified School District on receiving this grant.

Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Several schools received grants, including Thatcher Unified, Safford Unified, Pima Elementary, and Solomon Elementary School District.

Thank you Freeport-McMoran!

Intel Community Grants

Deadline: Quarterly

Intel Corporation is committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in the communities where the company has a major presence.

Intel vigorously supports education through grants for programs that advance science, math and technology education, particularly for women and underserved populations.

<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/corporate-responsibility/applying-for-grants.html>

Lowe's Toolbox for Education

Deadline: October 15

For the 2013-2014 school year, the Lowe's will give priority to meeting basic necessities, with a preference for funding requests that have a permanent impact such as facility enhancement (both indoor and outdoor) as well as landscaping/cleanup projects. Amounts requested must be between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can be eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

DoSomething.org Seed Grants

Deadline: ongoing

Are you working to start a community action project or program with your friends? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? A \$500 DoSomething Seed Grant is given out every week to help young people like you!

Visit the website:
www.dosomething.org/grants/seed-grants

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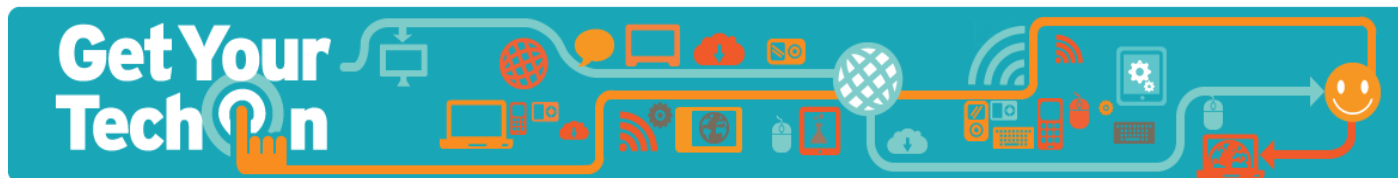
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Art Supply Grant Application (Grade 6-12)

Name _____ Date: _____ School _____

Your Grade Level(s) _____ County: _____ District: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Briefly describe the lesson you will use to incorporate Western Art into your curriculum.

List the supplies you will purchase for the lesson.

List the supplies you will purchase for the lesson.

Amount requested (up to \$500) _____ Time frame of the project _____

Grant Reporting: Share with us! Email 3 to 5 photos showing student artwork.

Successful applicants will be notified within 4 to 6 weeks after applying and receive a supply account at Sarnoff Artist Supplies, 2504 N. Campbell Ave. in Tucson. Supplies are for western art projects only.

Send applications to: FWAgrant@gmail.com

- ☐ To be eligible, you must teach in SE Arizona which includes the entire counties of Pima, Cochise and Santa Cruz plus areas south of the Gila River in Pinal, Graham and Greenlee counties.
- ☐ You may apply anytime, and more than once (for amounts less than \$500), during the school year.
- ☐ Maximum award is \$500 per year per teacher.

www.friendsofwesternart.org

Congratulations Graham County CTE Programs!

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Laurie Moody

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Pima, AZ 85543

928-387-8164

GRAHAM COUNTY STUDENTS HAVE TOP SCORES IN STATE

The mission of Arizona Career and Technical Education (CTE) is to “Prepare Arizona students for workforce success and continuous learning”. To achieve this goal, CTE classes are not the elective courses of past generations, but are part of state approved programs. These programs consist of a sequence of courses which are not only relevant, but are academically rigorous.

The Arizona Skill Standards Assessment System was created to measure knowledge and skills attained in CTE programs. Students who are in their final course of their respective CTE program, take an end-of-year assessment. Those students who take and pass their CTE program assessment are issued certificates by The Arizona Skill Standards Commission, which is comprised of top business and industry leaders throughout Arizona.

The top scores in Arizona for each program area were recently released. Both the top and second place scores on the Business Operations Support and Assistant Services program were from the Graham County. Top score was Mark Rethy, Safford High School and second was Thomas Cope, Thatcher High School. Mark’s teacher was Marci Barlow and Thomas’s teacher was Kara Calloway. The top score in the Natural Resources program was Kendra McCabe from Ft. Thomas High School. Chris Kelliher is the teacher for this program. Julia Bryce, Pima High School, had the 2nd highest score on the Accounting and Related Services assessment and Cardon Jones, Pima High School, had the top score on the Business Management and Administrative Services assessment. Laurie Moody is the business teacher at Pima High School.

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News from the Arizona Geographic Alliance

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Strengthening Geography Education in Arizona

Student Film Competition: San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival <http://www.oceanfilmfest.org/education/>

Do you want to get your students involved in telling a story? producing a short film? Why not focus on the ocean? The San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival is accepting student entries for the 2014 Student Film Competition as part of the annual festival!

What? The top 10 student films will be screened at the festival and prizes for 1st-3rd place will be awarded.

Who? Open to all students (nationwide and international) in grades 6-12

When? Deadline to submit films is January 5th, 2014 (The Festival is March, 2014)

Where? Make the film anywhere! Films will be screened in San Francisco at the 11th annual San Francisco International Ocean Film Festival in March 2014.

Prizes!!!!!! 1st place-\$500 cash 2nd place-Go Pro Camera 3rd place Go Pro Camera

Have a question about the competition? Email education@oceanfilmfest.org

K-12 Student Teams Can Win Science Awards

Foundation: Toshiba and the Nat'l Science Teachers Assn. (NSTA)

Opportunity: ExploraVision Program

Funding Focus: Science education, youth (Funding supports student-led science projects)

Eligibility: K-12 student-led teams, schools

Funding: Eight winners, up to \$10,000 each

Deadline: Jan. 30, 2014.

Summary: The program (<http://www.exploravision.org>) is looking for projects which offer ideas and inventions capable of making the world a better place. The school submitting the most eligible projects will receive \$1,000 worth of Toshiba technology.

Each student on the four first-place Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision winning teams will receive a \$10,000 savings bond; students on second-place teams will each receive a \$5,000 savings bond. Members of the eight teams will also receive an expenses-paid trip with their families, mentors and coaches to Washington, DC for an awards weekend in June 2014.

2014 Youth Gardening Grants Encourage Outdoor Education

<http://grants.kidsgardening.org/2014-youth-garden-grant>

Private Funders: Nat'l Gardening Assn. (NGA), Bonnie Plants, Ames and High Mowing Organic Seeds. Funding Focus: Recreation, gardening and education (funding supports school, community gardens) Eligibility: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, community organizations and nonprofits. Funding: 20 awards of \$500 each plus supplies. Deadline: Dec. 6, 2013 These grants help schools and community organizations build and expand youth-centered garden programs. They must involve teams of children between the ages of 3 and 18. The garden program must be charitable or educational in nature. Priority will be given to programs that emphasize integration of content standards, nutrition connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship.

News from Paul Anger and the Arizona Science Teachers Association



The Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA) annual two-day Conference will be hosted by Grand Canyon University on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th. The annual ASTA Conference is always a fantastic opportunity to attend a wide variety of workshops and activities to greatly increase your teachers content knowledge in specific areas, but this year it offers much, much more.

Attendees will have over 50 one-hour and three-hour workshop in the Grand Canyon University Conference Area, and can choose from focus strands including:

- Next Generation Science Standards . . . Understanding the NGSS and making it happen in the classroom.
- STEM: Integration and Innovation. . . Step by step instructions on classroom activities, ideas, and procedures.
- Linking Science and Common Core Standards. . . Ideas for effective district wide learning.
- Leadership for Effective Science Instruction. . . If you are a teacher that wants to strengthen content knowledge or lesson plan enhancement, this is your opportunity to grow and make your district shine.
- Exciting exhibits and displays from national vendors – with science classroom related giveaways!
- Two chances for teachers to win an iPad!
- To Register, go to www.azsta.org 2013 ASTA Conference Registration

Hurry! Time is running out!

Assistive Technology Loan Library

Arizona Dept. of Education Exceptional Student Services has partnered with Northern Arizona University's Technology Access Program to make available, at no cost, a wide variety of assistive technology. Forms are available at www.adeatloan.org or email atloanlibrary@nau.edu

The Graham County School Office is a member of the East Central Regional Service Center (ECRSC) which includes Gila, Greenlee and Pinal counties.

Our Goal: Provide regionally –based service, support and technical assistance, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Education Innovation to Race to the Top Participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to Implement their LEA Scopes of Work.

Reminder: The Graham County General Services Building is now open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.